

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended) The motor vehicle seat according to claim [[[1]]] 3, wherein the upper hinge arm has an outer curve and wherein the retaining lever slidably rests on said outer curve.
3. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The motor vehicle seat comprising:
a seat carrier;
a seat back;
a seat back hinge disposed between said seat carrier and said seat back and which is comprised of a lower hinge arm associated with said seat carrier and an upper hinge arm associated with said seat back, wherein a forward tilt axis connects the upper hinge arm to the seat back;
a locking mechanism arranged between the seat back and the upper hinge arm, said locking mechanism preventing the forward tilting motion of the seat back about the forward tilt axis in the locked position and allowing said seat back to tilt forward in the released position, the locking mechanism comprising a handle;
a blocking lever hinged to the seat back, wherein said blocking lever is connected to and cooperates with the handle and is comprised of a blocking side, wherein the upper hinge arm has a complementary side that cooperates with the blocking side and further forms a retaining catch stop; and
a retaining lever hinged to the seat back, said retaining lever forming a retaining lug abutting against the retaining catch stop in the forward tilted position of the seat back and retaining the seat back in the forward tilted position, wherein the blocking lever is located in proximity to the retaining lever and is pivoted upon actuation of the handle and abuts against the retaining lever

which is pivoted as a result thereof, whereby the retaining lug is released from engagement with the retaining catch stop,

according to claim 1, wherein the blocking lever further comprises a blocking back,
wherein a blocking curve is formed on the upper hinge arm, and
wherein the blocking back rests against the blocking curve in the normal utilization
position of the seat back.

4. (Currently amended) A The motor vehicle seat comprising:

a seat carrier;

a seat back;

a seat back hinge disposed between said seat carrier and said seat back and which is
comprised of a lower hinge arm associated with said seat carrier and an upper hinge arm associated
with said seat back, wherein a forward tilt axis connects the upper hinge arm to the seat back;

a locking mechanism arranged between the seat back and the upper hinge arm, said locking
mechanism preventing the forward tilting motion of the seat back about the forward tilt axis in the
locked position and allowing said seat back to tilt forward in the released position, the locking
mechanism comprising a handle;

a blocking lever hinged to the seat back, wherein said blocking lever is connected to and
cooperates with the handle and is comprised of a blocking side, wherein the upper hinge arm has a
complementary side that cooperates with the blocking side and further forms a retaining catch
stop; and

a retaining lever hinged to the seat back, said retaining lever forming a retaining lug
abutting against the retaining catch stop in the forward tilted position of the seat back and retaining
the seat back in the forward tilted position, wherein the blocking lever is located in proximity to the
retaining lever and is pivoted upon actuation of the handle and abuts against the retaining lever
which is pivoted as a result thereof, whereby the retaining lug is released from engagement with
the retaining catch stop,

according to claim 1, wherein the blocking lever comprises an adjusting side, and

wherein the retaining lever has a driving side which ~~driving side~~ lies within the range of movement of the adjusting side if the retaining lever is sufficiently pivoted out of the position of the retaining lever in the normal utilization position of the seat back.

5. (Currently amended) The motor vehicle seat according to claim ~~[[1]]~~3, wherein the retaining lever is elongated, a retaining lever axis is located at one end region thereof and the retaining lug is located at the other end region thereof.

6. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The motor vehicle seat comprising:

a seat carrier;

a seat back;

a seat back hinge disposed between said seat carrier and said seat back and which is comprised of a lower hinge arm associated with said seat carrier and an upper hinge arm associated with said seat back, wherein a forward tilt axis connects the upper hinge arm to the seat back;

a locking mechanism arranged between the seat back and the upper hinge arm, said locking mechanism preventing the forward tilting motion of the seat back about the forward tilt axis in the locked position and allowing said seat back to tilt forward in the released position, the locking mechanism comprising a handle;

a blocking lever hinged to the seat back, wherein said blocking lever is connected to and cooperates with the handle and is comprised of a blocking side, wherein the upper hinge arm has a complementary side that cooperates with the blocking side and further forms a retaining catch stop; and

a retaining lever hinged to the seat back, said retaining lever forming a retaining lug abutting against the retaining catch stop in the forward tilted position of the seat back and retaining the seat back in the forward tilted position, wherein the blocking lever is located in proximity to the retaining lever and is pivoted upon actuation of the handle and abuts against the retaining lever which is pivoted as a result thereof, whereby the retaining lug is released from engagement with the retaining catch stop,

according to claim 1, wherein the blocking lever is hinged to the seat back and is pivotable about a blocking lever axis, and

wherein the retaining lever is hinged to the seat back and is pivotable about a retaining lever axis, the blocking lever axis and the retaining lever axis being aligned with each other on a line that is substantially parallel to a back of the seat back.

7. (New) The motor vehicle seat according to claim 4, wherein the upper hinge arm has an outer curve and wherein the retaining lever slidably rests on said outer curve.
8. (New) The motor vehicle seat according to claim 4, wherein the retaining lever is elongated, a retaining lever axis is located at one end region thereof and the retaining lug is located at the other end region thereof.
9. (New) The motor vehicle seat according to claim 6, wherein the upper hinge arm has an outer curve and wherein the retaining lever slidably rests on said outer curve.
10. (New) The motor vehicle seat according to claim 6, wherein the retaining lever is elongated, a retaining lever axis is located at one end region thereof and the retaining lug is located at the other end region thereof.